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Re: Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Approval of Pay As You Go Pilot Program **Docket No. 2015-136-E**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

By this letter, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") hereby notifies the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") that ORS has reviewed and supports the filing made by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("DEC" or the "Company") on October 4, 2017, in the above referenced Docket. In that filing, the Company requested that the Commission issue an order allowing an extension of the Prepaid Advantage Program ("Pilot") through December 31, 2017, and to increase the Pilot's participant limit from 1,600 to 2,200 participants.

The Company does not propose any changes to the Prepaid Advantage Program tariff, except to address the requested extension and increase the participation limits, nor does the Company propose to change the Pilot's existing terms and conditions.

ORS does not waive, and specifically reserves, its right to respond to and review any subsequent Company request to convert the Pilot to an energy efficiency program.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments regarding this matter.

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Sincerely,

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